- A personal computer running a standard platform such as Windows or Macintosh Pentium class with a minimum of 128 MB RAM.
- Word Processing software such as Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect.
- An Internet Service Provider, using point-to-point protocol (PPP).
 America On Line (AOL) is not endorsed for use with ECF. It is recommended that your service provider have a minimum connection speed of 56K (a DSL, Cable, or T1 is strongly recommended).
- Netscape version 4.6x or higher, or Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher. The system has been certified with both.
- Adobe Acrobat (no other brand name supported) Full version (both the reader and the writer) to convert documents from word processor format to a PDF format and to read all CM/ECF documents. (See http://www.adobe.com or (888) 502-5275 for pricing information).
- A scanner and scanning software for documents not in electronic format.
- Although not required in order to file a document, you cannot view any documents filed with the court unless you have a valid PACER account. 1-800-676-6856 or http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov